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In re: Application of:

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Application No.: 09/629,422

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For: DUAL CURE COATING
COMPOSITIONS HAVING
IMPROVED SCRATCH
RESISTANCE, COATED
SUBSTRATES AND METHODS
RELATED THERETO

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, thus falling under the events recited in Section 1.97(b).

The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held in *Dayco Products, Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc.*, 329 F.3d 1358, 66 U.S.P.Q.2d 1801 (Fed. Cir. 2003) that an "adverse decision" by another examiner may meet the materiality standard under the amended Rule 56, and thus, Applicants should disclose prior rejections of "substantially similar claim[s]" to the Office. Accordingly, although Applicants are not representing that the Office Actions in the co-pending applications

are material to the present application and are not admitting that any of the other claims are substantially similar, out of an abundance of caution, Applicants listed the outstanding substantive Office Actions filed in co-pending Application Nos. 10/456,576, 10/624,826, 10/784,830, and 10/795,216 on the attached PTO/SB/08, and enclosed a copy of these documents as well. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Co-pending Application Nos. 10/456,576, 10/624,826, 10/784,830, and 10/795,216 are continuation applications of Application Nos. 09/629,420, 09/629,421, 09/629,443, and 09/629,444, respectively, which were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 29, 2000 and considered by the Examiner as indicated on the initialed and signed Form PTO 1449 attached to the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2002.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the listed documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Examiner the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

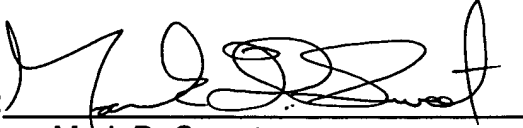
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

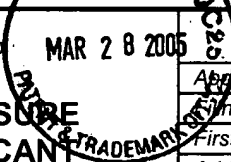
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Respectfully submitted,

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		Office Action of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/456,576 (Attorney Docket No. 03626-0019-01), mailed on November 29, 2004.	
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		Office Action of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/784,830 (Attorney Docket No. 03626-0024-02), mailed on December 15, 2004	
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